



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Margaret H. Downie was appointed to the Superior Court bench in December 1999. She is currently assigned to the Family Court Department. She previously served in the Juvenile Court Department. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Downie served as a Superior Court Commissioner, handling a variety of matters. She received a law degree in 1984 from the Georgetown University Law Center and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio, TV and Film in 1981 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. After attaining her degrees, she moved to Phoenix and joined the law firm of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon as a civil litigator. In 1988, she became disciplinary counsel for the State Bar of Arizona and was named Chief Bar Counsel in 1995.

Judge Downie has been involved in a high school teaching program sponsored by the Maricopa County Bar Association. She also promoted pro bono work by attorneys through the Volunteer Lawyers Program. She has served on the Foster Care Review Board, has been a Fellow of the Arizona Bar Foundation and has served as a judge pro tem for the Court of Appeals, Division One. She is an avid skeet shooter and competes on both national and international levels.

